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SUBJECT: MEETINGS OF FRELIMO'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND MOZAMBIQUE
PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY

1. SUMMARY: FRELIMO'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE MET AUGUST 7 TO HEAR PRESIDENT MACHEL READ THE REPORT OF THE PERMANENT POLITICAL COMMITTEE (PPC) OF FRELIMO. THE REPORT COVERS RECENT POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL EVENTS IN MOZAMBIQUE, STRESSES FRELIMO COMMITMENT TO THE PRINCIPLES OF MARXISM-LENINISM, CONDEMNS "IMPERIALIST ACTIVITIES" IN AFRICA, CALLS SOCIALIST NATIONS NATURAL ALLIES OF MOZAMBIQUE, AND EXPRESSES CONCERN ABOUT DIVISIONS IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT. THE PPC'S REPORT WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE AUGUST 11-12 MEETING MOZAMBIQUE'S PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY (PA). THE PA IS EXPECTED TO FORMALLY APPROVE ACTIONS TAKEN BY ITS PERMANENT COMMISSION AS WELL AS NEW DECREES MAKING CHANGES IN THE GPRM CONSTITUTION. END SUMMARY.

2. PRESIDENT MACHEL OPENED THE FOURTH SESSION OF FRELIMO'S 67-MEMBER CENTRAL COMMITTEE (CC) BY READING THE REPORT PREPARED BY
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10-MEMBER PERMANENT POLITICAL COMMITTEE (PPC). SESSIONS OF THE CC ARE NUMBERED FROM THE THIRD FRELIMO PARTY CONGRESS OF FEBRUARY 1977. THE REPORT OF THE PPC DWELLS ON THE PARTY'S ACTIVITIES SINCE THE THIRD SESSION IN RESTRUCTURING THE PARTY. IT EMPHASIZES FRELIMO'S DEDICATION TO THE PRINCIPLES OF MARXISM-LENINISM AND STATES "WE REJECT THE IDEA THAT AN AFRICAN SOCIALISM OR A MOZAMBIQUE SOCIALISM CAN EXIST AND WE AFFIRM THAT NO SOCIALISM OTHER

THAN SCIENTIFIC SOCIALISM IS POSSIBLE." THE PPC'S REPORT REVIEWS FRELIMO'S PROGRESS IN DEVELOPING NATIONAL CULTURE, REMOVING PERSONS OF DOUBTFUL REPUTATION FROM THE PARTY'S RANKS, IMPROVING CONDITIONS IN COMMUNAL VILLAGES, INCREASING AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, AND IN THE PROVISION OF BASIC EDUCATION AND HEALTH FACILITIES.

3. TURNING TO INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, THE REPORT CALLS MOZAMBIQUE THE FIRST STATE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WITH A MARXIST-LENINIST PARTY AND A PEOPLE'S DEMOCRACY. IT NOTES THAT MOZAMBIQUE IS READY TO DEVELOP FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ALL STATES REGARDLESS OF THEIR SOCIAL SYSTEMS ("PUPPET" STATES LIKE SOUTH KOREA, TAIWAN, AND SA BANTUSTANS ARE LISTED AS EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE). BUT EMPHASIS IS GIVEN TO THE PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS WITH SOCIALIST, AFRICAN, AND NON-ALIGNED STATES, AND THE REASON GIVEN IS "WE WILL NEVER FORGET THOSE WHO HELPED US DURING DIFFICULT TIMES."

4. THE DISCOURSE CLAIMS THAT "IMPERIALISM IS DEVISING NEW TACTICS TO SAFEGUARD ITS FUNDAMENTAL INTERESTS" AND ALLEGES THAT IMPERIALIST NATIONS ARE TAKING INITIATIVES TO ACHIEVE NEOCOLONIAL SOLUTIONS IN ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA. IT MENTIONS WESTERN POSITIONS IN OPPOSITION TO THE RHODESIAN INTERNAL SETTLEMENT AND IN SUPPORT OF INDEPENDENCE FOR NAMIBIA UNDER UN SUPERVISION, BUT CLAIMS THAT IF THESE EFFORTS FAIL "IMPERIALISM WILL REVERT TO ITS TRUE CHARACTER, WHICH IS AGGRESSIVE AND BRUTAL."
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5. ON OTHER INTERNATIONAL SUBJECTS, THE REPORT CONDEMNS MOROCCO'S INVASION OF SAHARA, THE COUP IN THE COMOROS, FOREIGN MILITARY INTERVENTION IN CHAD AND ZAIRE, NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA, AND THE MILITARIZATION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN. IT ALSO CLAIMS THAT THE RECENT OAU SUMMIT REFLECTED THE DIVISION BETWEEN "SERVANTS OF IMPERIALISM AND THE DEFENDERS OF OUR CONTINENT'S INDEPENDENCE." DEFENDING SOCIALIST NATIONS AS THE "NATURAL ALLIES" OF NON-ALIGNED STATES. IT MAINTAINS THAT THE NON-ALIGNED SHOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN EXISTING MILITARY BLOCS.

6. WITH REGARD TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT, IT EXPRESSES CONCERN ABOUT DIVISIONS WITHIN THE MOVEMENT. MOZAMBIQUE DOES NOT WANT TO AGGRAVATE DIVISIONS WITHIN THE "REVOLUTIONARY FAMILY" AND REFUSES TO INTERFERE IN THEIR INTERNAL MATTERS, BUT WILL EXPRESS ITS OPINIONS IN PRIVATE IN AN EFFORT TO HELP OTHERS RECOGNIZE THEIR ERRORS.

7. MOZAMBIQUE'S 226-MEMBER PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY (PA) WILL MEET AUGUST 11-12 TO CONSIDER THE PPC REPORT AND TO APPROVE THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY ITS 15-MEMBER PERMANENT COMMISSION. THE MAIN ITEM OF BUSINESS WILL BE THE REVISION OF THE 1975 NATIONAL CONSTITU-

TION. PROPOSED CHANGES HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED BY FRELIMO GROUPS
THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, BUT HAVE YET TO BE MADE PUBLIC. WE EXPECT
THE REVISIONS TO FURTHER ENTRENCH FRELIMO'S ROLE AS THE LEADER
IN NATIONAL POLICY, AND TO UPDATE MANY SECTIONS IN LIGHT OF THE
EXPERIENCE OF THREE YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE.

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8. COMMENT: THE PPC'S REPORT REITERATES MANY OF THE STATEMENTS
ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS MADE BY MACHEL AT THE OAU SUMMIT IN
KHARTOUM. THE "HARD-LINE" APPROACH IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS IS A
MARKED CONTRAST TO THE GPRM'S ACTIVITIES IN PRIVATE--WHERE IT
HAS GENERALLY BEEN HELPFUL TO THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN FOR RHODESIA
AND TO THE WESTERN FIVE'S INITIATIVES ON NAMIBIA, AND HAS SOUGHT
TO INCREASE WESTERN TRADE AND INVESTMENT. MOZAMBIQUE'S ECONOMIC
TIES WITH SOUTH AFRICA CONTINUE DESPITE THE GPRM'S STRONG OPPO-
SITION TO SA'S RACIAL POLICIES. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS TWO-SIDED AP-
PROACH OF PUBLICLY PROCLAIMING ADHERENCE TO SOCIALISM AND OPPO-
SITION TO ALL FORMS OF "IMPERIALISM" WHILE WORKING PRAGMATI-
CALLY IN PRIVATE TO ACHIEVE SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS OF DEEP INTEREST
TO MOZAMBIQUE WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE RULE.
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